

Table I
Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visas Issued at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2006 - 2010

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Immigrant Categories					
Immediate Relatives	224,187	219,323	238,848	227,517	215,947
Special Immigrants ¹	766	1,648	2,559	4,325	3,043
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	96	69	77	48	23
Family Sponsored Preference	139,753	151,128	169,896	176,273	200,567
Employment-Based Preference	15,744	19,722	13,472	13,846	12,701
Armed Forces Special Immigrants	0	2	1	0	0
Diversity Immigrants	44,349	38,762	45,246	46,761	49,771
Schedule A Workers ²	24,208	3,757	-	-	-
Total	449,103	434,409	470,098	468,770	482,052
Nonimmigrant Categories					
Visas Issued	5,836,730	6,444,285	6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751
(B1/B2/Border Crossing Cards) ³	[660,482]	[777,680]	[750,483]	[707,255]	[971,886]
Total	5,836,730	6,444,285	6,603,076	5,804,182	6,422,751

Note: The totals on this table do not include replaced immigrant visas.

¹ Special Immigrant totals include returning residents, Iraqi and Afghan translators, and certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government.

² Section 502, Title V, Division B of Pub. L. 109-13 enacted May 22, 2005 (the REAL ID Act of 2005) amended Sec. 106(d) of Pub. L. 106-313 to provide for the recapture of 50,000 Employment Preference numbers that were unused in Fiscal Years 2001-2004. The recaptured numbers were to be used for workers with petitions approved under the Department of Labor's Schedule A labor certification regulations. Issuances ceased in Fiscal Year 2007.

³ Combination B1/B2 visitor visa/Border Crossing Cards are issued to Mexican nationals. B1/B2/Border Crossing Card issuances are included in the "Visas Issued" line.